

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, wherein insertions are underlined and deletions are indicated with strikethrough or double brackets. Please cancel claims 2-4, 6-12, and 15-19 without prejudice or abandonment of the subject matter therein. Please add new claims 20-23. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended). A dry multi-disc clutch in which a plurality of friction discs are interposed between a drive-side clutch outer member and a driven-side clutch center member, and power is transmitted from the clutch outer member to the clutch center member by pushing the friction discs using a pressure plate, wherein:

fins that enhance a flow of air are formed on ~~at least one~~ both of the clutch outer member and the pressure plate, and plural passages which allow the communication of air are formed in both the clutch outer member and the pressure plate, such that the clutch outer member is configured to act as an axial fan, and the pressure plate is configured to act as a centrifugal fan, wherein a portion of the clutch outer member forming the axial fan and a portion of the pressure plate forming the centrifugal fan are substantially parallel, and wherein the plurality of friction discs are disposed between the centrifugal fan and the axial fan.

Claims 2-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended). A dry multi-disc clutch according to claim 1, wherein the clutch outer member and the pressure plate are disposed on a vehicle outside a crankcase of an engine

of the vehicle.

Claims 6-12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (original). A dry multi-disc clutch according to claim 1, provided on a motorcycle.

Claim 14 (currently amended). A dry multi-disc clutch comprising:

a clutch axis;

a drive-side clutch outer member;

a driven-side clutch center member;

a plurality of friction discs interposed between said drive-side clutch outer member and said driven-side clutch center member; and

a pressure plate which pushes the friction discs to transmit power from the clutch outer member to the clutch center member; wherein

~~fins that enhance a flow of air are formed on at least one of the clutch outer and the pressure plate, and passages which allow the communication of air are formed in the clutch outer and the pressure plate~~

the clutch outer member is configured to form an axial fan by means of plural elongate outer member openings formed on a radially extending base portion of the clutch outer member, each outer member opening extending radially from a center of the base portion to the periphery of the base portion, the outer member openings arranged side-by-side in the circumferential direction of the clutch outer member so that the portions of the clutch outer member between the

outer member openings form outer member fins,

the pressure plate comprises an annular body portion and is configured to form a centrifugal fan by means of plural elongate pressure plate fins, each pressure plate fin extending axially outward from a side face of the body portion, each pressure plate fin extending from an inner peripheral edge of the body portion to an outer peripheral edge of the body portion along a curved line such that an outer peripheral end of each fin is circumferentially offset from inner peripheral end of that fin, the spaces between the pressure plate fins forming air flow passages, and

wherein the clutch further comprises a diaphragm spring disposed on the inner peripheral edge of the annular body portion, the diaphragm spring biasing the pressure plate toward the clutch outer member.

Claims 15-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (new). The dry multi-disc clutch of claim 14 wherein the outer member openings further comprise an inclination relative to the axial direction.

Claim 21 (new). The dry multi-disc clutch of claim 1 wherein

the clutch outer member is configured to form an axial fan by means of plural elongate outer member openings formed on a radially extending base portion of the clutch outer member, each outer member opening extending radially from a center of the base portion to the periphery of the base portion, the outer member openings arranged side-by-side in the circumferential

direction of the clutch outer member so that the portions of the clutch outer member between the outer member openings form outer member fins, and wherein the outer member openings further comprise an inclination relative to an axial direction of the clutch.

Claim 22 (new). The dry multi-disc clutch of claim 1 wherein

the pressure plate comprises an annular body portion and is configured to form a centrifugal fan by means of plural elongate pressure plate fins, each pressure plate fin extending axially outward from a side face of the body portion, each pressure plate fin extending from an inner peripheral edge of the body portion to an outer peripheral edge of the body portion along a curved line such that an outer peripheral end of each fin is circumferentially offset from inner peripheral end of that fin, the spaces between the pressure plate fins forming air flow passages.

Claim 23 (new). The dry multi-disc clutch of claim 22 wherein the clutch further comprises a diaphragm spring disposed on the inner peripheral edge of the annular body portion, the diaphragm spring biasing the pressure plate toward the clutch outer member.